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The bureau you say monitors & assesses water quality and I hope water pollution to air and ground waters. We are in Gallatin County @ the Four Corners area, out of Bozeman, Mt. This area has grown too fast for infrastructure to keep up. There is one sewage plant on a hill South of the Corners that pumps sewage up hill, supposedly cleans it some and sends that water down to a 16 acre field with underground leach pipes. Well half of the acres were installed & they became plugged as the plant took on more and more of the growth sewage. They pumped it this last summer and hauled it away to somewhere.

This acreage is now in the center of our Four Corners community and borders our rentals and other residents & commercial buildings. We own 2 wells, one is but 100 feet from the underground leach pipes (this is law we find) . But what about ground water seeping into this well?

On with the pumping story: After this field was pumped the company came in (Utility Solutions, LLC - Tripple Tree, LLC.) and built two football size open sewer ponds , fenced them nice, etc. Now it was very hot in the summer and the smell from this pond was awful. Our renters are not happy campers and hope they don't move because of this as it is our lively hood.

We know the Legislative process can't do much about what is already done . We have reported this to the EPA, DNRC, DEQ, Gallatin Commission, Planning Board, Health Dept. Is it a possibility that beings this 16 acre sewer dump was permitted for the WHOLE amount of acres for the planned underground leaching, and so no extra permitt was drawn up to put in the sewer ponds?

Thanks for reading this , we don't expect anything to be done about this as is already to late. The Health Board said that the treatment plant will put deodorizer in the mix and only dump on cooler days .  Judi & Clint Cain

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Exhibit 7

Legislative committee seeks input on Water Quality Planning Bureau
Montana law requires the Water Policy Interim Committee to conduct program evaluations

of the agencies under the committee's oversight. The committee has oversight over those executive agencies where the primary concern is the quality or quantity of water, including the Water Quality Planning Bureau of the Department of Environmental Quality. The bureau's main function is to create water quality classifications, standards, and watershed pollutant loads, which helps guide the water pollution discharge permitting program and the watershed protection program. The bureau also monitors and assess water quality across Montana.

The committee is seeking input to

- identify issues in the bureau likely to require future legislative attention
- improve existing law through the analysis of problems experienced with the application of the law by an agency, and
- hear experiences from citizens that may be amendable to improvement through legislative action.

The Water Policy Interim Committee will discuss the Water Quality Planning Bureau at its Jan. 11 meeting at the Capitol building and welcomes any public comment at that time. The committee website, leg.mt.gov/water, contains the most-updated draft agenda.

For more information or with any questions, call committee staff Jason Mohr at 406-444-1640 or email at jasonmohr@mt.gov.

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